



## CONVENTION ON THE PROHIBITION OF THE USE, STOCKPILING, PRODUCTION AND TRANSFER OF ANTI-PERSONNEL MINES AND ON THEIR DESTRUCTION

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### **Suggested framework for preparing updates to meetings of the Standing Committee on Mine Clearance, Mine Risk Education and Mine Action Technologies**

The Fifth Meeting of the States Parties “called upon States parties requiring assistance for mine clearance (...) to ensure that prior to the First Review Conference plans are in place consistent with the Convention’s deadlines, to take concrete steps to implement these plans, and to use the opportunity presented by the Intersessional Work Programme to present their problems, plans, progress and priorities for assistance.” In order to assist mine affected States Parties in maximizing the opportunities presented by the Standing Committee on Mine Clearance, Mine Risk Education and Mine Action Technologies, the following framework has been developed for preparing written and oral presentations (maximum: 8 minutes). In addition to making a presentation in accordance with this framework, States Parties may wish to distribute more lengthy documents, such as national mine action plans.

#### **I. Problems related to mined areas and the humanitarian impact of these areas**

- In concrete terms, what is known – and not known – about the extent to which areas are mined and the impact of mined areas? What areas are affected? To what extent are communities and populations affected by mined areas? How many landmine casualties have there been in recent years?
- Of the affected areas, which are considered to be high, medium and low impact? What methodology was used to determine these priorities?
- If very little is known about the impact of mined areas, what steps are being taken or considered to obtain necessary information?

#### **II. Plans to address the problem of mined areas**

- Has a national mine action plan been established? What are the objectives of the plan and how do these objectives relate to the Convention’s obligation to clear mined areas within a ten-year time-frame?
- To what extent has mine action been incorporated into national development and poverty reduction strategies? How are mine-affected communities’ requests for clearance addressed?
- What is the use planned for mined land once it has been cleared?
- To what extent have domestic resources been applied to the problem of mined areas?
- Have organizational structures been developed to support mine action? What organizations and assets are being deployed and for which activities? How many individuals are involved in activities such as mine clearance, mine risk education, and coordination? What other core assets (e.g., mine detecting dogs, mechanical devices, etc.) are available?

#### **III. Progress made in meeting the obligations of Article 5**

- If a national mine action plan has been developed, does it note how progress in implementing the plan will be measured?
- On an annual basis, what area has been cleared and what area has been reduced (in square meters)? How many and what type of landmines and UXO have been cleared?
- To what extent have populations and communities directly and indirectly benefited from the reduction of suspected areas and from mine clearance? To what extent has progress in mine action resulted in progress in the implementation of national development and poverty reduction strategies?
- How many (by age and sex) individuals have benefited from mine risk education? To what extent have casualty rates declined?

#### **IV. Priorities for assistance in implementing national plans**

- What are the priorities for outside assistance in implementing the national mine action plan or in obtaining necessary information regarding the impact of mined areas?